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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Sprinkled Ankles

Ole Tonneson, employed in the Bradley logging camp at Cathlamet, went to St. Mary's hospital yesterday with a badly sprained ankle. He had turned it while at work.

Hike On Sunday

If the sunshine holds good until Sunday next there will be a "hike" ordered for the boys of the First Company, Coast Artillery Corps, of this city, the route and distance to be made known on assembly.

Visiting Here

William Farre, registered of the land office at Burns, Ore., was in the city yesterday, the guest of A. Schernackau, with whom he used to be associated in business in the eastern part of the state.

Tapped The Till

John Stevenson, saloonkeeper on Astor street, reported to the police yesterday that some one had tapped his till and taken something over \$40 the night before. It is presumed some one of the hangers-on around the place did the job.

Ask For Light

A petition was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday asking the council to establish an arc light at the corner of Eleventh and Exchange in front of the Athletic Club and bank building. The petition was signed by G. C. Fulton and the other officers of the Athletic Club.

Brief Life Span

At 11 o'clock p. m., on February 10th, the soul of Thomas Wilder, the infant son of Captain and Mrs. T. E. Stanfield, and grandson of Captain and Mrs. E. P. Baker, passed to the Great Beyond. The many friends of the bereaved parents extend their sympathy.

Two Finger More

Sam Bartlett of Brookfield whose hand was very badly cut and mangled by a saw several weeks ago, lost two more of his fingers yesterday. Shortly after the accident Dr. Pilkington cut off one of the fingers and put in 34 stitches in the hand. Yesterday it was found necessary to cut off two more to save the hand.

Warrenton Dance

The Warrenton fire department will give a masquerade ball tonight in that little city, and the event promises to be a very merry one. A large crowd is expected from this city, and the launch Teddy Roosevelt will leave the Ross-Higgins' wharf at 7:45 o'clock. The Pacific orchestra will supply the music.

Equipment Arrives

A portion of the gymnastic equipment for the Athletic Club arrived yesterday and will at once be put in place. About half of the apparatus is now on hand, and it is thought all of the rest of it will arrive very soon now. It was ordered several months ago from Chicago, and is paid for, but has been very slow in coming across the continent by freight.

Boy wanted to deliver papers.

Apply Circulator, Astorian office.

Plenty of smelt, spare ribs and tenderloins every day at Braden-Adams Meat Market. See ad, page 4.

To Sell Land

In the matter of the estate of Frank Carr, deceased, the administrator, J. P. Ryan, yesterday petitioned the probate court for leave to sell a quarter section of land belonging to the estate; and the court ordered a day for hearing, when all the heirs are notified to be present. The date was set on March 15, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A Pleasant Outing

Edward H. Joseph of Altoona was host to a pleasant boating party yesterday in which his launch the Columbia figured as the vehicle hence to that point on the Washington shore. The guests of the day were G. B. Johnson, of the A. & C., Councilman Chris Schmidt, and Norris Staples, all of whom report a delightful trip and most generous entertainment at the hands of Mr. Joseph.

Spencer May Come Here

Captain Charles R. Spencer of the swift little passenger packet of that same name, and which operated here last summer, arrived in the city yesterday, to sound the merchants and shippers as to the probable volume of traffic the boat might command if she should come back on the run this season, and from all reports he met with marked encouragement; but just what decision will be reached in the matter is yet to develop.

Boys' Outing Club

The weather looks good and the tide will be right for the tramp Saturday. Boys come to 9:15 train with lunch and 50 cents to pay for round-trip fare. The plan is to go to Skipanon and walk to the wreck Iredale then down the beach to the Galea and out to train at West reaching home at 5:45. If it is rainy on Saturday, the tramp will be postponed. Bring rubber boots or heavy shoes. All boys are invited to go whether members of Presbyterian Outing Club or not.

Citizens Are Protesting

J. C. Rierison of the Nehalem country, was in the city yesterday on a business trip, and in the course of a conversation with a reporter for this paper, voiced the complaint of the citizens down that way, at the recent order of the County Court, in the matter of repairing that part of the old county road between Elsie and Jewel, which follows a grade of 15 per cent. They desire a new route which reaches an altitude of but 5 per cent. The old route has been abandoned on account of its steep lift, and they unanimously wish for the easier route. The complaint seems to have reason behind it, and the matter is likely to reach the court in due time. Mr. Rierison reports plenty of snow down that way this winter with several inches lying on the valley elevations.

Matinee at the Grand

Manager Shortly will open the "Grand" this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and at 7 o'clock this evening. Lincoln's birthday, and at both performances will present the following interesting picture films and delightful songs: "Incriminating Evidence" (film 1160 feet long); "Choosing a Life-Partner"; "He Can Imitate Anything"; Songs: "Brother Noah Gives Out Checks for Rain" and "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Such a program is calculated to fill the popular house day and night.

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Lincoln's Anniversary

While today is the anniversary of the birth of Abraham it is not a legal holiday in the State of Oregon. The congress of the United States has made today a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and in the territories, but this action of course does not effect the states of the union. The action of the federal congress was, apparently, not intended as a continuous one, but applies today only. Governor Chamberlain was appealed to proclaim today a holiday, but he thought the great press of work before the state legislature would be too seriously interfered with if a holiday was proclaimed.

PERSONAL MENTION

George Harris of Portland was in the city yesterday and a guest at the Occident.

W. R. Hamilton of Portland spent the afternoon in this city yesterday.

W. T. Kenney has returned from a three months' sojourn in California, and reports that he was much pleased with things as he found them there and will probably return there later in the year.

Dr. Fred Peacock returned to his home in Cathlamet on the train last evening.

James Manary, representing the Oregon Timber & Lumber Company, was in the city yesterday, from the Clifton country, and returned up river last evening.

G. A. Morrison, traveling freight agent for the Canadian Pacific, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Wilford Curtis has returned from Alaska and is enjoying life at the family home. He has many friends here who will be glad to greet him again.

J. B. Fearon of New York spent the day in this city yesterday on a business quest.

Miss Nancy G. Reed, the competent and affable clerk at the general delivery window of the Astoria post-office, is off on a 10-day leave of absence.

AMUSEMENTS

"THE TAMING OF THE SHREW"

The present tour of Charles B. Hanford promises to be of exceptional interest, for in his field of artistic expression he stands practically alone as an exponent of the greatest plays in English literature—the Shakespearean drama. His annual visits invariably inspire the keenest interest among all classes of playgoers, and it is the aim of his management, by a careful selection of plays, to maintain and, if possible, excel the high standards of excellence attained by this popular player. While it has been customary for most actors to confine themselves to one production yearly, Mr. Hanford has displayed prodigious industry and noble generosity, mounting every piece in his repertory with the strictest attention to detail and with the utmost luxury of investiture warranted. Schooled with the greatest masters of his art, he has profited by the instruction, and stands today as one of the really great exponents of the classic drama. The reappearance of Miss Marie Drofna will give added interest to Mr. Hanford's productions this season. After a year's absence from the stage, Miss Drofna returns to the position she has so ably filled for many years, and in which she has earned the highest honors as a delineator of Shakespeare's heroines. On the occasion of Mr. Hanford's engagement at the Astoria Theatre on Wednesday, February 17, he will appear in an elaborate production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

LANDIS GROWS CAUSTIC.

Smoking Habit No Palliation. For Crime of Embezzlement.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Thomas Ley, postmaster at Grant Works, Ill., who pleaded guilty to embezzlement \$882.05 of postoffice funds, has been sentenced by Judge Landis to serve two years in the government penitentiary at Leavenworth.

A statement on the part of the defendant that he had spent embezzled money to support an aged mother and a dependent sister, coupled with the remark that he "never chewed, drank, gambled or smoked" brought forth caustic comment from the court. "Do you consider smoking a crime?" asked the court. "The fact that a man has had no personal bad habits is no excuse for the crime of embezzlement. Smoking is no vice that plays a part in this case. I am tired of hearing men hold out as a palliative fact that they do not smoke."

WHAT ASTORIANS WHO SAW, SAY OF SPOKANE

CHEERFUL REPORT FROM ONE OF THE DELEGATES TO SPOKANE.

The Astoria representatives who went to Spokane this week, report that city to be in a flourishing condition. Well built with substantial brick blocks, some building eleven stories above the basement.

The city claims a population of 121,000 and to have doubled the population in the last six years. It is a great railroad center and situation in the midst of the inland empire, nearly 400 miles from Seattle and same distance from Portland, it is not a suburb of either and has a field of vast resources under its own dominion.

She sits in a great agricultural field bordered with mountains of mineral wealth.

The Spokane river, the outlet of Couer d'Alene lake, flows through the city, and the great Spokane Falls are in the city, while additional falls and power are on and in the river both above and below the city and near by.

Steam and electric roads radiate in all directions from the city down the Columbia Valley, to the ocean at Astoria and Seaside. Over the mountains to the ports of Puget Sound. North over the boundary line in British Columbia to the Canadian Pacific railroad eastward over the Rockies to the great cities of the continent. To the wheat fields of Palouse, and to all the noted mining districts in that section of country. These roads cross the Columbia and Snake rivers at several places where connections can be made with the boats plying on those rivers, and which, as soon as the canal, at Celilo shall be completed, will run to Astoria and other places at the mouth of the Columbia. The farmers along those streams are much interested in an open river to the sea, but no more so than Astorians.

BOY OF 16 YEARS WAS FOUND DRUNK

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR SALOON MEN WHO SOLD TO HIM.

In the witness stand in police court yesterday afternoon Enard Poukkula said he is 16 years old; will be 17 on the fourth day of March. The boy had been arrested the night before by Police Officer Houghton on a charge of drunkenness. When taken to the police station the lad was quite drunk. He pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge Anderson yesterday afternoon and a small fine was imposed.

Young Poukkula hardly looks his age. He is a rather nice appearing young fellow, light complexioned and with cheeks that show a slight rosy tinge. His parents live at Smith's Point; his mother and father are apparently hard working and good people. The boy evidently was born in this country and talks the language well. This lad of slight frame, and with rosy cheeks, was found by the officer so drunk that he could not stand up straight. It is said he has been lately hanging around several of the saloons in the red light district and associating with the lowest elements there. That is the first part of the story.

"Where did you get the stuff you drank?" asked City Attorney Abercrombie of the boy.

"In the Owl Saloon," said the lad. "Also in the little hole in the wall across the street. Emil Munson sold it to me there. The swamper sold it to me in the Owl."

"Have you ever gotten any there before?" went on Mr. Abercrombie.

"Yes," said the boy.

The city attorney drew out the story that the boy has been in the habit of playing cards in the "hole in the wall."

"Did you play for money?"

"No, we played for drinks."

"Did you have any money to pay for the drinks if you lost?"

"No."

"How did you intend to pay, then?"

"Well, Munson said he would stand me off; I was to pay when I got the money."

"I intend to swear out warrants for the arrest of the saloonkeepers

who sold this boy intoxicants," said City Attorney Abercrombie to the court, "and I would like to see that he is held as a witness, for a time at least."

Judge Anderson announced that he would have let the boy go on suspended sentence were it not for the fact that he was wanted there as a witness. However, he soon was released, as soon as the complaints were made out. Under the direction of the city attorney complaints were made out against the proprietors of the two saloons, the Owl and the "Hole-in-the-Wall." The complaints are against T. Pittari, H. Valsing and Charles Neimi, who is said not to be personally running his saloon.

The three men were placed under arrest last evening and will be tried in police court this afternoon.

Whether an effort will be made to revoke the licenses of the two saloons remains to be seen. The prompt action of the city attorney in causing complaints to be issued against the men may have a salutary effect on others who are said to care very little for the laws. If the anti-saloon orator who is to speak here Sunday could have seen this boy in court yesterday, and heard his story, it certainly would have furnished him a rich theme to talk on.

POOR SALOON MEN 'ON THE GRILL AGAIN

'TIS SAID MUCH EVIDENCE HAS BEEN SECURED FOR THE GRAND JURY.

The announcement is made from a source that may be relied on that evidence has been secured against a number of the saloonkeepers on charges of keeping their places open on Sundays, in violation of the state laws. While an effort has been made to maintain secrecy in relation to the matter in some unaccountable way the information has leaked out and is known to a number of the saloon men. That the saloon men have an agent somewhere in the ranks of the "law and order" element seems probable.

It is planned to present this evidence to the grand jury that will be convened next Tuesday and it is understood that in every case when possible the evidence was secured against the proprietors of the saloons. If the plans of the "law and order" men may be carried out the grand jury will be urged to act promptly and with all the force it may, and it is known that great emphasis will be laid on the necessity of bringing the cases in the circuit court instead of in justice court. In justice court the maximum penalty is only \$25, while in circuit court it is much larger. It is said that evidence has been secured against many of the saloons, perhaps 20 or more.

Effort made yesterday to ascertain the character of the evidence was unavailable, and neither was it possible to ascertain by whom the evidence was secured.

On the whole the saloon men don't seem to mind very much the fact that they are being watched; in fact, it is said that some of the leading ones would be very glad if the laws are invoked and heavy fines imposed to the end that the Sunday closing laws may be strictly lived up to in the future. On the other hand it is also said the story of the "law and order" people securing "evidence" is simply a very old story which has been told with much nerve and eclat before, and that it usually has turned out to be merely a cry of "wolf" when there was no wolf.

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as made to State Bank Examiner, February 5, 1909.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and securities.....\$146,579.15	Capital paid in.....\$ 50,000.00
Furniture and fixtures..... 4,457.69	Surplus..... 3,500.00
Due from banks.....\$ 9,465.04	Undivided profits..... 367.15
Cash on hand..... 12,516.68	Deposits..... 119,151.41
Total available funds..... 21,981.72	
	\$173,018.56

RAMBLER'S REMARKS ON CURRENT MATTERS

OBSERVATIONS OF ONE WHO THINKS AND THEN WRITES AS HE FINDS THINGS.

The following pungent remarks were sent to us by a well known citizen, who is generally listened to when he talks and who is quite as interesting when he writes:

"Astoria, Feb. 6, 1909.

"Editor Astorian:

"Our police commission is very apprehensive lest, if it order the police of the city to enforce the laws against gambling, while the police are peering through key-holes or over transoms, graver crimes will be committed throughout the city. Tom Linville, while sheriff, stopped the gambling, single handed, while performing the other duties of sheriff, and without peering through key-holes or over transoms. It is unnecessary to reason further."

"A dog, in San Francisco, supposed to be afflicted with rabies, entered a school and attacked and lacerated two little girls, was seized by a small boy, who, in turn was bitten by the dog. In another part of the city a policeman was attacked and bitten by a bulldog. Such occurrences are not infrequent, and suggest the inquiry would it not be better if dogs, as well as horses, cows, sheep and hogs, were not permitted to run at large in cities and towns? A dog that runs at large in cities and towns, as a rule, is worthless. People who have valuable dogs generally keep them at home."

"Now that Portland is about to take over the towage and pilotage at the mouth of, and on, the Columbia river, in the interest of the whole State, let us hope that it will do away with the discrimination in towage which has been practiced by the O. R. & N. Co., whereby vessels coming to Astoria from the sea, a distance of approximately 15 miles, have been charged 70 per cent of the rate charged for towing vessels from the sea to Portland, a distance of 115 miles. That is one of the discriminations that has been injuring the Columbia river commerce in the past. Let us, also, hope that Portland will put on a class of tugs that can properly handle the business. The Port of Portland has had plenty of time to consider the matter, in all of its details, and the State has given it such legislation as it wanted. It is to be hoped that the service will be improved."

"A Mr. Lockwood, C. E., engineer in chief for the Port of Portland, is said by some of the Portland papers to have made a recent visit to Astoria, and to have discovered, while here, that there was 27 feet of water on the bar, and that at low water. An investigation has been carried on to find what bar he visited while here, but, so far, no bar of his description has been discovered, and many are inclined to believe that Mr. Lockwood was mistaken in the 'article.' If so, he is not the first man to have made the mistake. No one with any knowledge of conditions at the mouth of the river believed for a moment that he meant the bar down there, for all the pilots say that the channel there has not deepened any since last summer, and that there is but 22 feet of water on the bar at low water. If there is any bar in Astoria that carries as much water as Mr. Lockwood is charged with having found, it is the duty of the police authorities to have the proprietor indicted for violating the pure food law."

"RAMBLER."

Firemen's Ball.

The Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department will give a firemen's ball in Warren Hall, Warrenton, on Friday evening, February 12th. Gents \$1.50, ladies 50c, spectators 25c. Free boat will leave Fisher's dock at 7:45. Music by Pacific Orchestra.

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